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Activist 'gave his life for' city



Raymond Taavel.

Hundreds attend vigil
for murdered Halifax
gay-rights advocate

Candlelight flickered on the faces of hundreds of people as the sun set over the same street where a well-known gay-rights activist was murdered hours before.

More than 750 people, young and old, packed Gottingen Street Tuesday night to pay their respects to Raymond Taavel, who was beaten to death outside Menz Bar early Tuesday.

Several of Taavel's friends and colleagues took to the microphone to share stories, sing songs and read poems in honour of the activist, who wore many hats during his years in Halifax.

Hugo Dann, a former chair of the Halifax Pride Festival, drew waves of laughter and tears as he described Taavel as "compassionate, caring, outgoing, welcoming."

"This is so beautiful ... that all of you have come here. Raymond is loving this," said Dann, his voice breaking at times. "This is the potential of our community, of this street, of this city, that Raymond literally gave his life for."

Coun. Dawn Sloane openly wept as she took the podium,

telling stories that sparked an eruption of laughter from the crowd, including what she described as a near-decapitation during a dance-off of sorts between her and Taavel.

"He had the philosophy that you could do anything if you tried ... and that's why I think having someone like Raymond for a friend is a blessing."

Originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Taavel was the editor of Wayves magazine for several years and had been involved with the Halifax Pride Festival, said his friend John Williams. He also spent the past 13 years working at the Shambhala Sun, a Buddhist magazine based in Halifax.

Rainbow flags could be seen flying in front of several businesses on Gottingen, but they paled in comparison to a giant flag spread across the street and was held by about 30 people during the ceremony.

Red roses and photos of Taavel were weaved into a chain-link fence across from Menz Bar in a makeshift memorial.

Hours before, Taavel was found dead after intervening in an altercation between his alleged assailant, 32-year-old Andre Noel Denny, and another man.

Denny is facing a charge of second-degree murder and will appear in Halifax provincial court Wednesday.

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Hundreds of people attend a vigil on Tuesday night for Raymond Taavel, inset, who was killed outside Menz Bar on Gottingen Street early Tuesday morning. Andre Noel Denny, 32, has been charged with second-degree murder and is scheduled to appear at Halifax provincial court on Wednesday.

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A brew and a bro — it's the classic pairing, right? Not necessarily. From the rise of female brew masters to the growth of women's tasting groups, women are becoming much more than a pint-sized part of the brewing world. Scan the code for the story and video.

History. Victim wrote of being assaulted in a previous incident

Tuesday's early morning beating was not the first time Raymond Taavel was assaulted, a chilling article written by the victim in *Wayves Magazine* states.

In the May 2010 article, Taavel, a former editor of the *LGTB* magazine, published a first-person account of his encounter with two men at a local pizza shop.

The 49-year-old, who died after being assaulted outside a bar on Gottingen Street on Tuesday, wrote two years ago that he was confronted about being gay while waiting in line at The Big Slice at Halifax's pizza corner on May 17.

After admitting he was gay, Taavel wrote that he then received a "backhand" to the head from one of the men.

"Shock, fear, bewilderment, anger. These were some of the feelings that flashed through me as I glared at my assailant and his friend," Taavel wrote.

Taavel said he then called police and followed his assailant. He wrote that he felt "empowered" because he chose to act upon the attack.

"It reminded me that as a member of Halifax's LGBT community, I take my own safety for granted and I do so because I live my life freely and openly."

"I've been reminded firsthand via a backhand why I'll be marking May 17."

ALY THOMSON/METRO

Victim remembered

The board of directors of Halifax Pride issued a statement Tuesday, saying Raymond Taavel's death marked the loss of a "much loved and well-respected member of our community."

- The group's chairman, Krista Snow, remembered Taavel as a "mild-mannered, friendly guy" who was deeply involved in many facets of the gay community.

- "To say he will be missed fails to do justice to his memory," she said.

Condolences

"Obviously, it's a terrible incident and it's one where our thoughts are with the loved ones of this victim."

John Gillis,
Capital Health spokesman



A pedestrian walks past an evidence marker on the window of the Plan B Merchants Co-op on Gottingen Street on Tuesday. Raymond Taavel died after being found bleeding in the street after an assault early Tuesday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Beating victim trying to break up fight, police say

Investigation underway. Police won't rule out Raymond Taavel's death was a hate crime



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A well-known activist in the Halifax gay community died early Tuesday morning a Good Samaritan after attempting to stop a fight between two men outside a bar, police say.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said Raymond Taavel intervened between his alleged assailant, 32-year-old Andre Noel Denny, and another man outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

"The suspect turned and then began assaulting him," said Palmeter. "A passerby saw the injured man and the man running and was able to lead us in the direction to help us locate him."

Denny was found a short



Ingrid Cottenden paints in front of a makeshift memorial to Raymond Taavel on Gottingen Street on Tuesday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Concern



"Certainly I'm concerned anytime there's a death in the community of such a magnitude."

Mayor Peter Kelly

time later hiding in a nearby alley and police are treating the 49-year-old Taavel's death as a homicide, said Palmeter.

He'll appear in court Halifax provincial court today charged with second-degree murder.

A person who spoke with Metro, but didn't want to give their name, says she has heard the victim was beaten

and had his head smashed against the pavement, but police would not confirm that.

Police also would not say if the incident relates to a hate crime. Menz Bar is a gay bar in the city's north end.

"There has been speculation online and in the community that this was a hate crime," a statement by police read. "While we cannot

provide specific information about the case, as it is still under investigation, police have spoken to a number of witnesses and are considering all possibilities with respect to the motive."

Denny was a patient at the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth and failed to return to the facility following an unescorted leave on Monday. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from an incident in Sydney in January.

Police say Denny left the hospital at 7:30 p.m. on a one-hour community access pass and police were notified at 8:47 p.m. when he did not return as scheduled.

Palmeter said two officers were sent out at 9:01 p.m. to search the Burnside area, about five and a half hours before the fatal assault.

He could not say how long the search lasted.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and "being grossly psychotic" with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability."

Capital Health. Review pending after murder suspect no-shows

Capital Health says a review will take place after a man now wanted for murder didn't return from an unescorted pass from the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Burnside on Monday night.

"Any time a patient doesn't return as scheduled, that is recorded. And any

time there is a serious incident such as this, there's a review process that happens. So we will begin with that," said John Gillis, spokesman with Capital Health, which operates the facility that is part of the Central Nova Correctional Facility.

Gillis said community ac-

cess for patients like Andre Noel Denny is managed by the Criminal Code and Review Board, which is a body of the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. The board meets periodically to look at each individual patient's case, and takes into account the advice of clinical staff at

the facility.

"That body can grant different levels of access to the community ... and he didn't return as scheduled from that pass," said Gillis, referring to Denny, who is charged with killing Halifax gay rights activist Raymond Taavel, 49.

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HRM wants to set some speed limits

School zones. Province announced last year they will be knocking speeds to 30 km/h starting in September



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HRM is asking the province for the authority to slow it down on city streets.

Halifax regional council voted Tuesday to send a letter to Bill Estabrooks, minister of transportation, to allow HRM's traffic authority to post speed limits lower than 50 km/h on certain streets.

"The issue has come up with recent discussions with the cycling people in our community," said Coun. Jennifer Watts, who brought forward the motion.

She'd like to see speed limits of 30 km/h on some roads with bike lanes.

"Be careful what you wish for," countered Coun. Russell Walker. "Do you want the Bedford Highway reduced to 30 km/h because it has bicycle lanes?"

Ken Reashor, director of transportation and public works, said if approved, he

Snail mail

Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks said Tuesday he'll wait to see the letter from HRM and it's something he will have a long look at. He said there are several areas, particularly residential, that could benefit from lower speed limits.

will come up with a list of criteria and a list of candidate roads for council's perusal.

Major routes like the Bedford Highway would not be considered, he said.

And it's not just for bike lanes, Reashor clarified, but also any roads that pose a safety risk like those with no sidewalks and sharp curves.

Coun. Bob Harvey said he doesn't think Estabrooks will grant the authority without seeing the criteria and a list of streets first.

"I know 20 or 30 streets that are getting a petition together on these very words this afternoon," Harvey said.

"I think we're creating a traffic authority nightmare." But Reashor said they're not looking to put up 40 km/h



A cyclist bikes on Bayers Road in this file photo from last year. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

signs on every residential road in HRM because of the cost and enforceability.

Rather, the traffic author-

ity would pick and choose candidates.

A few councillors said motorists don't slow down

for 50 km/h signs, and questioned the effectiveness of lowering the limits even more.

Council news

Free bus day for seniors considered

The municipality is looking into having a free day for seniors to take the bus.

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal asked for a staff report into a free bus day for seniors — he suggested Thursdays — in non-peak hours starting June 1. "I think it's needed to help seniors get along," said Blumenthal at Halifax regional council on Tuesday.

Coun. David Hendsbee quickly recommended Tuesdays because of the many seniors discount sales at local businesses.

Several councillors said it shouldn't be a problem since buses aren't full at that time anyway, but others argued a previous staff report said it would cost \$300,000.

The issue will be back to council in the coming months for a vote.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Madder than a junkyard dog

Outrage barely covers Coun. Reg Rankin's outburst at Halifax regional council on Tuesday.

He's angry HRM staff didn't give the Community Monitoring Committee for the Otter Lake landfill appropriate information to deal with an odour complaint. Rankin said the committee isn't given the authority to deal with issues.

"I hold you in contempt," he said to Mike Labrecque, HRM deputy chief administrative officer, adding he's speaking for the community.

He said the committee is being made into a "paper tiger" when they want to be a community watchdog.

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Fenwick viewplanes up for public debate



Proposed redevelopment of Fenwick Towers. CONTRIBUTED

Fenwick Tower is looking at a public hearing over a one-metre encroachment on two Citadel viewplanes.

Joe Metlege with Templeton Properties said Fenwick was built five years before the viewplanes were developed.

"When the viewplanes were calculated, they were actually drawn into the Fenwick Tower," Metlege said.

Metlege is trying to renovate the 33-storey concrete Fenwick Tower to encase it in glass, and needs to build

steel brackets on top to cover the concrete.

The encroachment is only on the 12th floor, he said.

"We're literally talking about an area three feet at the most," Richard Harvey, HRM senior planner, told Halifax regional council Tuesday.

Still Phil Pacey with the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia doesn't like it.

"Because they promised they wouldn't interfere with the viewplanes in the

One-metre encroachment

Halifax regional council voted to initiate the public consultation, policy and amendments process to tweak the viewplane boundaries.

beginning," he said.

In an interview, Metlege said Pacey's objection doesn't register with him.

"Mr. Pacey has no background in buildings, no engineering degree, no architecture degree. He's not valid or qualified to comment," Metlege said.

Coun. Sue Uteck said it's not an attack on viewplanes, just a simple engineering problem on a building that's 40-years-old. She said there was an exhaustive attempt to fix the problem without adjusting viewplane boundaries, but nothing could be done.

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“ I HAVE A LIST OF WHAT I WANT IN A CAR.

Province to propose legislation dealing with online bullying

Cyberbully. Tories announce three initiatives they want to see enacted

Legislation aimed at cyberbullying to be tabled Wednesday in the Nova Scotia legislature is being described by the education minister as a first step in the government's approach to bullying in schools.

Ramona Jennex announced the government's intention to bring forward amendments to the Education Act after the opposition Progressive Conservatives introduced three bills to combat bullying amid calls for faster government action from the family of a teen who committed suicide.

Jennex didn't reveal details about the legislation, but she said it would address recommendations set out by a task force on online bullying last month. She said the legislative changes would set the stage for further measures to deal with bullying in schools.

"Our legislation is really putting things in place and providing a framework... for the continued work that we are

In numbers

86

The number of recommendations the task force made to the province.

doing," she said.

Asked about the time it has taken to react to the task force report released a month ago after gathering information for nearly a year, Jennex replied: "We are working through the recommendations very carefully so that when we put action in place, we know that it's going to be the action that is appropriate."

The Tory legislation would define cyberbullying in law and allow a series of fines to be levied. It would also hold parents liable if they are aware that a child is involved in online bullying and they fail to act to prevent it. Judges would be allowed to order restrictions on the use of electronic devices such as cellphones and to confiscate those devices when it's deemed in the public interest.

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie said he hoped the legislation would be considered as the government prepares to table its bill because many of the initia-



Travis Price speaks with reporters at Province House after a Tory press conference about anti-bullying legislation on Tuesday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

tives in it were recommended by the anti-bullying task force, including making parents as-

sume more responsibility for a child's bullying.

"This is a very important

effort and it's non-partisan," said Baillie.

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Victim's family supports bill

The family of Courtney Brown, a 17-year-old Parrsboro girl who took her own life in March 2011 after she had been bullied online, say they want the government to act quickly.

The Brown family appeared at the legislature on Tuesday to support the Tory bill. "It is so important," said her brother, Chad Brown. "Before Courtney (died) I had never heard anything being done to prevent bullying. Afterwards, it seemed like everywhere I went I would see things in the newspaper about bullying."

Brown said he thinks the new legislation is a good step to help kids across the province to combat bullying.

"It will stop bullying from happening not only at school but at home, in town, online, on the phone," he said. "There was absolutely nothing else before."

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Man faces charges for barbershop shootings



Fademasters Barbershop on Titus Street. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

A Halifax man is facing numerous charges including two counts of attempted murder in relation to a shooting at a Fairview barbershop on Saturday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police say Decoda Devon White, 18, is also charged with two counts of discharging a firearm with intent, two counts of pointing a firearm, and other weapons related offences.

White was arrested Monday in relation to the incident that happened at Fademasters Barbershop on Titus Street.

The teen appeared in Halifax provincial court on Tuesday to face the charges.

Just after 1 p.m. Saturday, shots rang out at the Fairview barbershop, and, when police arrived, they found a 41-year-old man with a gunshot wound to

his leg. Police believe this man was not the intended target.

The intended target according to police, a 23-year-old man, showed up at hospital later with a gunshot wound.

Witnesses inside the barbershop and people at neighbouring businesses told police they heard three or four shots.

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Injuries

Both victims in the shooting suffered non-life threatening injuries.



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Inverness County

Fire causes evacuation

Several homes in Inverness County had to be evacuated Tuesday after a brush fire swept through the area.

Police say firefighters from several departments were trying to contain the blaze in Broad Cove.

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Scatarie Island

Province hopeful for salvage plan

The Nova Scotia government hopes within a few weeks to see a salvage company's plans for removing the MV Miner from the shore of Scatarie Island off Cape Breton.

Salvage company Bennington Group of New York did a flyover of the derelict

bulk carrier this week accompanied by officials of several provincial and federal government departments.

Don Feldman, a regional manager for the provincial Department of Natural Resources who met with the Bennington Group and government officials after the flyover on Monday, said he hopes to see a salvage plan within a matter of weeks.

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Belongings stolen

German travellers want backpacks returned

A pair of German travellers are looking to have their belongings returned.

Police say on Tuesday just before 3 p.m. two duffle bags and two large hiking backpacks were left

at the side of the Bedford Bi-pass, near the Glendale Avenue exit.

The bags belonged to two German women who are backpacking across Canada and contain valuable items such as passports, identification cards, a laptop.

There was also a book the two were writing about their travels inside one of the bags.

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Annapolis County

Three people treated for hypothermia

Three people were treated for hypothermia after a canoe tipped on water on Wright Lake in Annapolis County on Monday night.

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Case against priest at rehab centre dropped

Investigation. Priest says he's looking forward to returning to his duties with the church after taking some personal time off

Quoted

"This has been an intensely difficult and challenging period in my life."

Rev. Paul Abbass

A Roman Catholic priest who was under investigation at a drug rehabilitation centre where he worked in Cape Breton says he is relieved that police have dropped the case. Rev. Paul Abbass said in a statement Tuesday he was told by the police that they had concluded the investigation and will not be laying any criminal charges.

He says he was "pleased and relieved" that the matter involving his work as executive director at Talbot House has been resolved, adding that it had been an intensely difficult time for him.

But Abbass says he is disappointed with the way the Department of Community Services was handling a review of the facility, which has since

closed, but he didn't elaborate.

The department said in February that it was looking at everything from financial oversight practices, programs and board management.

The review and police probe began after someone filed a complaint against Abbass, but Talbot House offered no details.

On Monday, Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse said the complaint was based on how Talbot House was run.

Peterson-Rafuse said the \$420,000 in provincial funding for Talbot House wasn't cut, but was discontinued when the board of directors told the department on March 7 that it was closing during the review.

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Idle paper mill. Majority of workers vote to accept contract deal with pulp and paper company



The NewPage mill in Port Hawkesbury shown in this file photo. CAPE BRETON POST

More than 85 per cent of union members at an idled Nova Scotia paper mill voted Tuesday to accept a contract deal from the operation's prospective buyer.

Archie MacLachlan of the Communications Energy and Paperworkers union said that 85.6 per cent of those who voted accepted the offer from Pacific West Commercial Corp.

"We asked for them to vote for it and 85 per cent is a good endorsement of the recommendation," he said, add-

ing that not all will be working at the mill if it reopens.

"It's a sad time for a lot of people as well because they know there's only one machine starting up."

The deal offered by the company would see the lay-off of about 320 employees of the 550-member workforce because it will only operate one of two papermaking machines at the NewPage mill.

The mill closed in September as it struggled with soaring electricity and shipping

costs, a strong Canadian dollar and declining demand.

The union executive initially took no position on the offer, but recommended acceptance after the company gave it new information clarifying seniority and recall rights, among other things.

The province has made up to \$30 million available to support forestry operations and keep the NewPage Port Hawkesbury mill in a so-called hot-idle state so it can be quickly restarted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outstanding matters

- Marc Dube, a spokesman with Pacific West Commercial Corp., said they are also facing a Utilities and Review Board hearing in late June or early July, with the possibility that the mill could reopen in August if all outstanding matters are settled.



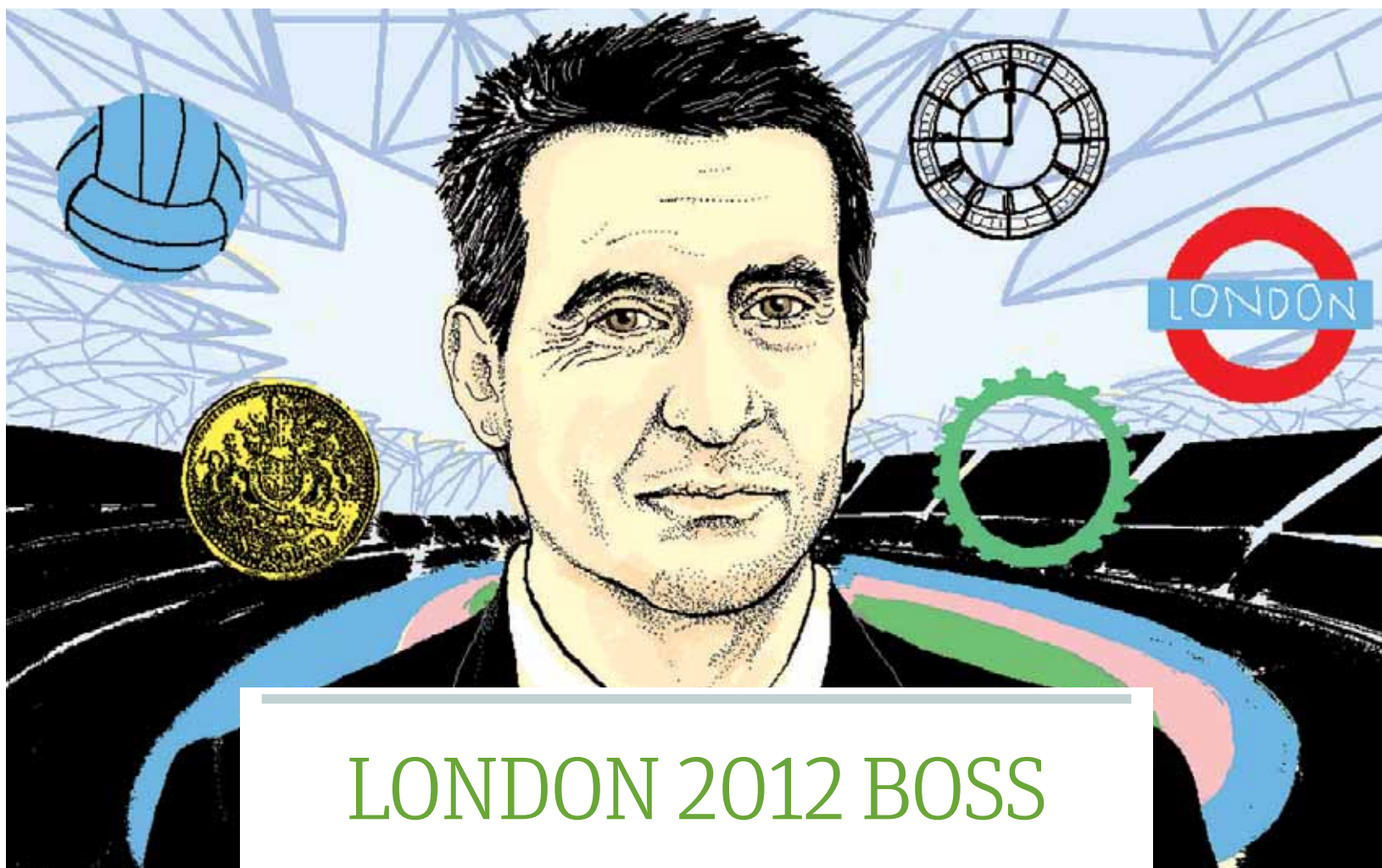
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LONDON 2012 BOSS SEBASTIAN COE



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"100 meters will go a lot faster." As King of Middle Distance, Sebastian Coe won two Olympic gold medals and set eleven world records. Then he became a politician, a Lord even. But everyone refers to Lord Coe as "Seb", and the energetic chairman of the London Olympics is indeed an approachable man, as he showed when he invited Metro to keep him company while he had a takeout salad for lunch.

What constitutes success for him in the 2012 Games: lots of world records? No terrorist attacks? Top-rate sustainability? You need Games that work in all those ways – sustainable, safe and secure. But, look: I'll always see the Games through the eyes of the competitor, and for me it's absolutely vital that I deliver something for the athletes that allows them to compete at the highest level at the defining moment in their life.

How are you doing it better than previous Olympic Games?

I don't compare London to previous Games. But I want to enshrine as many of the good aspects of the previous games as we can. One thing I've learned from is the way the athletes

were treated at the Games in Beijing — the organizers had a forensic eye for detail and an extremely high level of service. That's a very good template for us.

A major source of concern for potential Olympic spectators is overcrowding. Should people watch the Games on TV instead?

No! London knows how to deal with crowds. We have big global events all the time, often simultaneously. The Olympics will have a great atmosphere, and we'll create a transport plan that allows us to deal with the influx of people. I think people will come in bigger numbers than is currently being imagined. And that's what an Olympic city should strive for. London will keep benefitting from the Games for the next 50 years.

Beach volleyball next to Buckingham Palace: do such new sports really have athletic value, not just an aesthetic one?

They certainly have athletic value. Anyone who has played beach volleyball will tell you that you need extraordinary levels of agility, stamina, flexibility and speed. There's no doubting the athletic values of beach volleyball. But what it actually does is attract a wider audience, particularly among younger people. So, it's very good that new sports like beach volleyball bring young people into the sport movement.

So are new, untraditional sports what the Olympic movement needs?

The Olympic movement has always moved with the time. It was only in 1984 that women first ran the marathon. Triathlon is a relatively new sport,

and organizers recognized that it was very popular and growing in size. And BMX-cycling is now an Olympic sport.

The king of any Summer Olympics is the men's 100 meter race. How much faster can they go?

Much, much faster! It's not within your imagination or mine that if we sit here in 40 years' time discussing this, we'll look back at what Usain Bolt is now doing and smile. I've broken world records, my world records have been broken. The current world records can easily be broken. Usain Bolt can easily break the world 100 meters world record, and so can Yohan Blake and Tyson Gay.

Will it be possible to keep sports clean from doping? The honest answer is no. But we're winning the testing battles, and crucially, we're

winning the battle for hearts and minds. It's vitally important to explain to young people that doping is completely unnecessary! I broke world records and won Olympic Games without taking performance-enhancing drugs. Secondly, doping is dangerous. There are long-term health effects. Thirdly, it's cheating. We're winning the battle, but it will always be a battle.

Do you ever watch the 1500 race and get the urge to jump in and be part of the action once again?

No! Every time I think it might be palatable or attractive to participate as a competitor again, I just open a day in any of my training diaries. Then I know exactly why I'm here, not out in a running track. But when I attend sports events, I love sitting with the coaches and athletes.

Lasting rewards

"You find out more about yourself through sports than through anything else. You learn to win and lose with dignity and magnanimity. You make friendships that last a lifetime, friendships based on true values."

LORD SEBASTIAN COE

Snapshot

Here are some fast facts on Sebastian Coe.

- Age. 55
- In the news. Chair of the London Olympic Games Organizing Committee
- Career. Middle-distance runner; two Olympic gold medals, 11 world records. MP; appointed Lord in 2000.

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Tories' plan is praised and panned

Environment. Major overhaul of rules will create jobs, say feds. Nonsense, says NDP — the big companies will be winners

A major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects will create jobs and growth, the federal government announced Tuesday.

The Tory announcement sparked resource industry praise and fierce criticism from environmental groups.

First signalled in last month's budget, the government said proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

"We intend to focus federal assessment efforts on major projects that can have significant environmental effects, such as energy and mining projects," Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said.

"Streamlining the review process ... will attract significant investment dollars and give every region of our coun-

End of an era?

"This is really a weakening of key environmental protection measures that have been in place for decades. It's meant to pave the way for Big Oil to get what it wants."

Gillian McEachern,
with Environmental Defence.

try a tremendous economic boost."

The plan calls for three organizations — the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the National Energy Board and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission — to conduct reviews, down from 40 government departments that can currently be involved.

But Opposition New Democrats and environmental groups accused the Conservative government of ramming through legislation that would rubber-stamp assessments to the benefit of large corporations.

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O Canada ... we're oh, so proud of you

That tiny Maple Leaf flag on a child's cheek says it all. Five-year-old Andromeda Bromwich shows that even youngsters like to show off their pride in Canada. Andromeda and Liberal interim leader Bob Rae are pictured Tuesday, as they took part in a dance to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in downtown Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Internet. Mom, dad are Facebook snoops: Survey

More than 50 per cent of the Canadian parents surveyed for a study on online safety admitted they secretly access their teenager's Facebook account.

According to a survey conducted in 11 countries by security company AVG, the global average of snooping parents was 44 per cent.

Still, Canadian parents were less likely to spy on their teens than those in the U.S. and Spain, where 61 per cent admitted to monitoring Facebook covertly.

When accounting for the results from all countries, mothers were more likely than fathers to do the cyberstalking.

About 49 per cent of the

moms admitted to doing so, compared to 39 per cent of dads.

Canadian parents were second most likely to be Facebook friends with their teens.

About 66 per cent said their kids had accepted their friend request, compared to 72 per cent in the U.S., and just 32 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Japan.

When it came to worries about online behaviour, about 38 per cent of Canadian parents said they worried their teen's actions on social networks could affect their future job, school or dating prospects, compared to 40 per cent in the U.S. and 42 per cent globally.

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Smoking. Tory cuts boost Big Tobacco, activists say

National health groups are condemning the Harper government for cuts to a federal non-smoking program.

Melodie Tilson, from the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says the cuts give tobacco companies the upper hand in influencing future health policy decisions.

"Why would the Harper government gut a program that saves the lives of Canadians, saves government money and safeguards the health and well-being of our youth?" Tilson asked.

The federal budget cut \$15 million — more than 30 per cent — from the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy, which has reduced the number of smokers across Canada.

The winner?

"Consider who wins by this decision. The only winner — and they are big winners — is Big Tobacco."

Melodie Tilson,
Non-Smokers Rights Association.

But Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq listed several government anti-smoking initiatives, including warning labels on cigarette packaging, a national hotline for people who want to quit smoking and a ban on small, flavoured cigarettes targeted at youth.

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Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver takes a question during a Toronto-area news conference Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Construction magnate's arrest may spark bombshells in Quebec

Province jolted.

Reclusive Tony Accurso is arrested with 13 others in a case with far-reaching political repercussions

A prominent Quebec construction magnate, whose cosy ties to politicians and links to business figures have triggered allegations of scandal, is facing six fraud-related charges in a case that could have far-reaching political repercussions.

Tony Accurso was among 14 people arrested by the anti-corruption unit of the Quebec provincial police in raids Tuesday.

The arrests could lead to an in-depth look into the murky world of contract bidding at the municipal and provincial levels.

Accurso, a major player in the Quebec construction industry, has seen his name sur-



Quebec construction magnate Tony Accurso is surrounded by media as he leaves a police facility in Montreal Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

face in alleged construction scandals that have rocked the province for years involving municipal and provincial politicians and union bosses.

But the reclusive business-

man had never been charged with anything — until being swept up in an alleged bribery scandal in Mascouche, a small town in Montreal's posh northern suburbs.

Police say Accurso and others were involved in kickbacks and bribes exchanged for favourable contracts or privileged information key to the bidding process.

Authorities say the practice has been going on for several years.

Accurso faces six charges: fraud, conspiracy, influence-peddling, breach of trust and

two counts of defrauding the government.

The 18-month investigation culminated in a total of 47 charges.

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The fallout

The criminal charges could have an influence that goes far beyond the courtroom.

- **THE PROBE.** Premier Jean Charest has called an inquiry into widespread allegations of corruption involving the Quebec construction industry and its ties to political parties, and the awarding of public contracts.
- **THE ELECTION.** It is unclear what impact the arrests will have on the timing of a provincial election. Charest may be tempted to go to the polls in the spring before proceedings start.

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Charter of Rights

Chrétien hits out at the 'culture of grievance' in Quebec

Jean Chrétien says Quebec politicians have cultivated a "culture of grievance" over their province's exclusion from the 1982 deal to patriate Canada's Constitution.

"They have a culture of grievance over it, not looking at the facts," Chrétien said.

But Quebecers have been benefiting from the Charter ever since, he declared.

The former prime minister was justice minister at the time and did much of the heavy lifting to negotiate the pact that brought home the Constitution, with a landmark Charter of Rights, 30 years ago Tuesday.

He has been demonized by sovereigntists for his part in the so-called night of the long knives, when a compromise was hatched that won the support of nine provinces — over the objections of Quebec's then-separatist government.

The facts, Chrétien said, are that 90 per cent of Quebecers favoured ending Canada's status as a "legal colony."

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Student strife. 'Fascist' outburst lands Quebec civil servant in hot water

A Quebec civil servant has been reprimanded for saying pro-fascist movements should serve as inspiration in the fight against student protesters.

Bernard Guay, head of the tax office in the municipal affairs department, wrote a vehement letter against the student protests that have rocked Quebec.

The letter was published on the website of *Le Soleil* but it generated such an outcry that the newspaper withdrew it and apologized.

Guay wrote about putting an end to "the tyranny of left-

wing agitators" and said the "fascist movements" of the '20s and '30s should serve as inspiration in fighting students who are opposed to planned tuition hikes.

Municipal Affairs Minister Laurent Lessard called Guay's comments "inappropriate" and said administrative action was taken against him.

Lessard refused to elaborate.

For two months, 165,000 Quebec students have been fighting against the hikes, staging walkouts and blocking entrances to classrooms.

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Police negotiate with masked students who barricaded themselves in the Université du Québec en Outaouais in Gatineau, Que. The students later left peacefully. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jordan promises 'fair trial'. Britain may soon be able to deport radical

A radical Islamist cleric fighting deportation from Britain to Jordan was again behind bars Tuesday, and the U.K. said it hoped to finally expel the preacher after a decade of legal wrangling.

Home Secretary Theresa May said new assurances from Jordan to offer a fair trial to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian-Jordanian preacher described in Spanish and British courts as a leading al-Qaida figure in Europe, should allow the saga to end.

Authorities in Britain have been trying to expel the preacher since 2001, but after a lengthy legal battle the European Court of Human Rights ruled in January that Abu Qatada could not be deported to Jordan because of a risk that evidence obtained through torture would be used against him there.

Abu Qatada has previously been convicted in absentia in Jordan of terrorist offences related to two alleged bomb plots in 1999 and 2000, and he will face a retrial if deported from Britain.

The preacher was arrested on Tuesday by U.K. Border Agency officers and denied bail at a hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission — a court that handles deportation and national security cases.

He had been freed in Feb-



Abu Qatada is driven away after being refused bail on Tuesday.

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ruary following the European court's ruling, albeit on strict bail conditions.

Following two visits by British ministers to Jordan and telephone talks between Prime Minister David Cameron and Jordan's King Abdullah II, Britain had secured a series of pledges to address the European court's concerns, May said.

May said that Jordan had vowed that no information gleaned through torture would be used in the cleric's case and had changed its constitution to bar the use of such evidence.

Britain first attempted to deport Abu Qatada in 2001.

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Romania

Public funds used to finance a book featuring fascist leader

A Holocaust research centre in Romania says public funds were used to finance a children's poetry book that features on its cover Romania's Second World War fascist leader.

The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania blasted a local council for helping publish the book by George Ungureanu, 100, a former member of pro-Hitler group active in Romania during the war.

The book has Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, founder of the fascist Iron Guard legion, on its cover.

Guard members gained notoriety for vicious anti-Semitism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter gives speech to courtroom in Oslo

Day 2 of Norway's mass killer trial.

Anti-Muslim fanatic insists on finishing his whole diatribe, or not speaking at all

In a scene unimaginable in many countries, Norway's worst mass killer since the Second World War gets to explain his fanatical views to the court and the world for days dressed up in a business suit.

Two days into Anders Behring Breivik's terror trial, the studied formality with which Norway's legal system deals with a confessed killer who rejects its authority is baffling to outsiders, even to some Norwegians.

On Monday, the day the trial started, Norwegian prosecutors and even lawyers representing the families of his 77 victims shook Breivik's hand as proceedings began.

On Tuesday, the 33-year-old far-right militant was allowed to give an hour-long address to the court, reading from a statement that summarized the anti-Islamic manifesto that he posted online before his bomb-and-shooting rampage nine months ago.

"The attacks on July 22 were a preventive strike. I acted in self-defence on behalf of my people, my city, my country," Breivik declared.

He was demanding to be found innocent of terror and murder charges. He set off a bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight, then drove to Utøya island outside the capital and massacred 69 people in a shooting spree at



Defendant Anders Behring Breivik discusses a matter with his lawyer. LISE ASERUD/SCANPIX NORWAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accused gives speech

"What I see happening in Norway with Breivik's statement is a trial about politics, not legal evidence,"

Jeff Kass, a reporter who wrote a book about the 1999 Columbine school shooting in the United States.

the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on the island.

It was the most "spectacular" attack by a nationalist militant since the Second

World War, he boasted.

The court's main judge interrupted Breivik several times Tuesday, asking him to get to the point, but let him continue after he threatened

that he would either finish his speech or not speak at all.

"It is critically important that I can explain the reason and the motive" for the massacre, said Breivik.

Breivik, who has admitted the attacks, said it doesn't matter if he's sent to prison, because living in a country ruled by "multiculturalists" was a prison in itself. The main point of his defence is to avoid an insanity ruling.

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Secret Service probe to begin

Scandal. U.S. Secret Service and military are being investigated for soliciting prostitutes

Fallout from a Secret Service prostitution scandal ricocheted around the nation's capital Tuesday, with congressional and military investigators digging into the situation more deeply and the White House facing questions about the competency of the agency

designed to protect President Barack Obama's life.

At least 20 women were involved in last weekend's incident with Secret Service agents, U.S. military personnel and prostitutes at a Colombian hotel just before Obama arrived for a regional summit, a senator briefed on the situation said. The agency has referred the matter to an independent government investigator, according to a second senator.

The scandal has become a widening embarrassment for

the Obama administration and the fresh flurry of activity squashed White House hopes that the matter could be left behind in Colombia once Air Force One was wheels up.

The focus fell Tuesday on Secret Service director Mark Sullivan, who shuttled between meetings at the Congress outlining what his investigators in Washington and in Colombia have found about the incident.

Lawmakers peppered Sullivan with questions, chief among them: who were the

Conflicting accounts

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes; others are saying they're not."

Peter King, Republican Representative

women the agents allegedly had in their rooms, and did the women have access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized the president's security.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the conclusion of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should

resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later said Obama had confidence in Sullivan.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked their security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel also were being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

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Dog days. Mitt Romney criticized again for strapping dog to roof

The sorry tale of Seamus, the Irish setter who spent 12 stressful hours atop Mitt Romney's station wagon on a road trip to Canada, is back in the spotlight after the Republican front-runner and his wife faced questions about the 1983 incident in a high-profile prime-time interview.

"The dog loved it," a laughing Ann Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview earlier this week.

"He would see that crate and, you know, he would go crazy because he was going with us on vacation. It was to me a kinder thing to bring him along than to leave him in the kennel for two weeks."

Sawyer, however, questioned the extent of Seamus's enjoyment as he sat in a windy crate on the roof of the car for 12 hours. She pointed out the dog had experienced intestinal distress during the drive from Boston to the Lake Huron community of Grand Bend, where the Romney family still owns a cottage.

According to a 2007 Boston Globe profile of Mitt Romney, his disgusted boys alerted their father to the fact that Seamus

Criticism

Asked if he'd ever again transport a dog that way, Mitt Romney replied "Certainly not with the attention it's received," saying the story had been "the most wounding" to his campaign.

- That response prompted anger anew on various social media platforms. "Wrong reason," one Twitter user wrote.

- Dogs Against Romney's Scott Crider expressed dismay. "In other words, Mr. Romney still sees nothing wrong with what he did ... and the only reason he wouldn't do it again is to avoid personal political backlash," he said Tuesday.

was suffering from diarrhea as they made their way to the cottage.

Romney stopped at the next service station, hosed down the dog, the car and the carrier, returned Seamus to his stoop and continued to Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Dalai Lama alohas with canoe crew

In a photo provided by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, the Dalai Lama jokes with members of the crew of the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokulea following the Earth Blessing and Consecration of the canoe on Monday in Kaneohe, Hawaii. The Hokulea is being prepared for an around-the-world trip.

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Child arrest

Tantrums illegal?

Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergartner with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum. The police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded that their central Georgia city change policy so that other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

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Child pornography

Man faces more porn charges

A man charged in Indiana with coercing two teenage boys into making sexually explicit online videos, and who boasted to FBI agents that he had done this more than 100 times, now faces federal charges in Michigan for the same offence.

The U.S. attorney's office on Friday filed charges of production of child pornography and enticement against Richard Finkbinder, 39, who could face from 15 years to life in prison if convicted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Suspensions still abound in Egypt's deadly soccer riot

Top cops among those charged. 75 fans killed in February melee; victims mostly fans of Cairo's Al-Ahly team; most defendants fans of Port Said team

Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday.

And they directed their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the



A defendant facing charges relating to soccer deaths reacts at trial. HOSSAM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody February 2012 at-

tack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place.

The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed.

Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs to kill Al-Ahly fans. "Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicion of the ousted regime.

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North Korea celebrates

A family poses for a picture in front of portraits of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong-il at a festival for the "Kimilsungia" flower to mark 100 years since the birth of North Korea's late founder in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Harper, wife awakened by major quake

Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen were awakened by a major earthquake as they over-nighted in the Chilean capital.

Buildings shook throughout the city at around 12:50 a.m. Tuesday in a 6.7 magnitude earthquake centred 112 kilometres from Santiago.

"The prime minister and his wife were at the hotel when the earthquake happened," said Harper's spokesperson. No Canadians were injured.

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Cows take shelter and freeze

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Surprising signal sends loonie higher

Clear message.

Bank of Canada announcement to raise interest rates prompts rise in Canadian dollar

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise Tuesday in sending a strong signal it is getting ready to raise interest rates based on improved prospects for the global and Canadian economies.

The hawkish statement sent the loonie immediately higher

after the 9 a.m. ET release time, and it closed up 0.96 of a cent at 100.99 cents US.

As expected, the bank kept the trendsetting target rate at one per cent — where it has been since September 2010 — but it was the language in the accompanying statement that caught investors off guard.

"In light of the reduced slack in the economy and firmer underlying inflation, some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the two per cent inflation target over the medium

Hawkish side

"This was ... a pretty serious amping up of the message.... And more surprising was the signal that rates will soon need to rise."

Douglas Porter, Bank of Montreal economist

term," it said.

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter said he was surprised bank governor Mark Carney would send such a clear intentions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sears revamps operations

Returning products to Sears stores will get a lot easier starting next month, the company said Tuesday.

The national retailer will overhaul long-standing return policies that have sometimes left customers frustrated, new chief executive Calvin McDonald said Tuesday at the Sears Canada annual meeting.

Sears will scrap the 10-day return policies that have existed for years and it will also stop charging a 20 per cent restocking fee for big ticket items such as appliances, electronics and outdoor power equipment, among others.

The changes are part of a major revamp of operations at Sears Canada, which has been struggling to overcome losses as well as find its strategy ahead of an onset of new competition from discount retailers like Walmart and Target.



London, Ont., native Calvin McDonald, president and CEO of Sears Canada, addresses the Annual General Meeting for Sears Canada in Toronto, Tuesday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"When we look at the market, times are tough. Consumer confidence is low and unemployment is not getting dramatically better," McDonald told shareholders.

"There are a lot of reasons we can sit and point to how and

why it's tough to grow topline, but we don't look at those factors."

Instead, the company will focus on improving its product, store conditions and marketing, he said.

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Rogers Video. Rentals out, liquidation underway

Rogers has officially bailed on the video store business.

In December, the company announced it was shuttering 40 per cent of its video shops as it continued to move away from selling and renting physical copies of DVDs, Blu-rays and video games.

Sian Doyle, Rogers's vice president of retail, said that the

disappearance of more than 400 Blockbuster stores last year did little to boost its rental business.

On Tuesday, Rogers confirmed its more than 90 remaining video stores stopped renting movies and games late last week and are now in liquidation mode.

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Turbulent charge

Air Canada owes workers: Quebec

The Quebec government is seeking a court ruling on the Air Canada's obligations to heavy maintenance work that had been performed for the airline by Aves Fleet Performance before it shut down and laid off all its employees.

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NATION'S SMARTEST IS A TIGER-CAT? WHO KNEW



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Apparently, I'm not Canada's Smartest Person.

This will not come as a great surprise to a long-suffering cadre of readers, friends, enemies and loved ones, but

now it's confirmed:

Canada's Smartest Person is Peter Dyakowski, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who won the CBC-TV competition of the same name and is now enjoying his victory lap on the smart circuit.

For instance, next week, he appears at a Mensa Convention at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls, where he will compete for gold in the Couch PotatOlympics and build a working model of a trebuchet.

For those of you who aren't so smart, that's a siege engine that fires stones at the ramparts.

Hmph.

I guess it will sound like sour grapes if I dare to ask why Canada's Smartest Person is wasting his time tinkering with trebuchets at a tourist trap instead of figuring out how to eliminate the deficit or cure cancer, but really.

And how did he get to be Canada's Smartest Person anyway? Did he threaten to bombard the CBC fortress on Front Street with rocks? Or does it have something to do with the fact that he is six-five and 325 pounds? He wants to be Canada's Smartest Person, let him be Canada's Smartest Person. Just don't make him mad.

Turns out he endured 17 hours of taping that tested multiple dimensions of intelligence: physical, musical, logical, linguistic, visual and interpersonal. As the program progressed, he was so far ahead of the competition with two science brainiacs and a "spoken word artist," that the host of show told him: "Peter, we don't care about your score anymore."

So, apart from the fact that Canada's Real Smartest Person is too busy to bother with a quiz show no matter how multi-dimensional, we have to concede that Peter won it fair and square and there was no penalty flag on the play (I keep mixing up my sports commentary and my egghead commentary. Excuse me. Not smart enough.)

Of course, this is a great victory for offensive lineman, who are usually lumped together and called "Grunts" or "Hogs." Now we have to call them "Smarter".

Of course, the real star of any show is not the offensive lineman or even the polymath. It's the quarterback, and will always be the quarterback.

And on the same day he signed a \$26-million contract with the Seattle Seahawks, Peter Dyakowski's college quarterback, Matt Flynn, texted Peter to say that being the smartest Canadian is like winning a foot race at a fat camp, which offends on so many levels, you'd have to be a genius to figure them all out.

Peter, by the way, won a plastic trophy. How smart is that?



Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was the winner of the CBC show Canada's Smartest Person. BARRY GRAY/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Let the countdown begin



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London 2012

100 days to go until the Olympics

Young Chinese athletes practice Taekwondo techniques before the rehearsal ceremony to mark a 100-day countdown to London 2012 Olympic Games outside the Bird's Nest Tuesday, in Beijing, China.

As London organizers put the finishing touches on the venues, athletes around the world are training for the big moment.

With Wednesday marking the 100-day countdown to the London Olympics, it's time to take a look at some of the athletes who will stand out on the global stage this summer.

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Top 10

From the track to the pool to the hardwood, here's a list of 10 to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify):

Usain Bolt: His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical — gold medals and world records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and sprint relay.

Michael Phelps: After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American swimmer is back for his final big splash before retirement.

Oscar Pistorius: The South African double amputee, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to make history by becoming the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics.

Hiroshi Hoketsu: At the age of 71, the Japanese equestrian rider will be the oldest competitor in London.

Kerri Walsh/Misty May-Treanor: No one will be more in the spotlight than Americans Walsh and May-Treanor, who won gold medals in Athens and Beijing in beach volleyball and are favourites for a third title in London.

Chris Hoy: Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory in the spectacular new velodrome.

Neymar: Argentina failed to qualify for the Olympic football competition, meaning Lionel Messi won't be coming. But Brazil did

qualify and Neymar is the player to watch.

Kevin Durant: It's hard to single out any single player from the star-studded U.S. basketball team. This will be the chance for Oklahoma City Thunder forward Durant to show his Olympic credentials.

Lin Dan: Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's "Super Dan" is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medalist.

Katie Taylor: With women's boxing making its Olympic debut in London, the Irish fighter is a good bet for gold in the lightweight (60 kg) division.

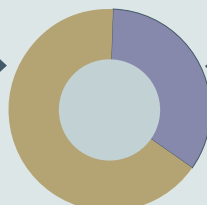
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Nicholas Sparks, the man behind *The Notebook*, is the writer of the new release *The Lucky One*. HANDOUT

Making silver screen Sparks

Nicholas Sparks.
The man behind *The Notebook* and *Dear John* returns to the big screen with *The Lucky One*



IN FOCUS
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The word romance conjures up different ideas for different people.

Some folks, when they muse about love, create pictures of Fabio locked in an embrace with a raven-haired

beauty in their mind's eye. Others imagine John Cusack, boombox raised above his head, lurking outside his beloved's bedroom window.

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He is the premier romance writer of his generation, single handedly giving Harlequin a run in the tear-jerker department. Who else could write a line like, "Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it," with a straight face?

The flowery pen behind novels and screenplays like *The Notebook*, *Dear John* and *Nights in Rodanthe* returns with this weekend's parcel

Romance writer

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

of passion, *The Lucky One*, a story of good luck charms and true love.

He writes tales of love and loss, of mighty obstacles overcome and lip-locks galore, which he defines as "dramatic epic love stories" along the lines of "Eric Segal's *Love Story* or *The Bridges of Madison County* ... But you can even go all the way back. You had Hemingway write *A*

Farewell to Arms, the movies of the forties — *Casablanca*, *From Here to Eternity* — Shakespeare, and that's the genre I work in."

He caught some flack for comparing himself to Shakespeare — one writer said, "If Sparks is like Shakespeare, then a house painter is like Picasso." — but the fact remains that his unconventional love stories have made his name synonymous with the romance genre.

Sitting at the top of the list is *The Notebook*, which made stars of Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling. Marie Claire magazine says, "this movie is packed with heart-flutteringly incredible love scenes ... that it's impossible to choose

just one," but Noah and Allie's boat ride on the lake surrounded by swans is generally considered to be the most memorable moment in a movie that is essentially just one long love scene.

Peter Travers called *Message in a Bottle* "a hazard to all those allergic to ponderous chick flicks," but the movie features great romantic chemistry between Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and a scene stealing performance from Paul Newman.

Even Miley Cyrus has been Sparksified. She chose the author to pen *The Last Song*, her first post *Hannah Montana* movie, because she was a huge fan of his other weepie *A Walk to Remember*.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Ferguson returning to his roots with *Late Late Show*

Craig Ferguson is going back to Scotland and taking *Late Late Show* viewers along for the trip. CBS says the Scotland-based episodes will air the week of May 14. While there, Ferguson explores Edinburgh and Glasgow. He also returns to his hometown of Cumberland, with stops at his childhood home and high school.

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On the web



Ben Flajnik, Courtney Robertson say they're still headed down the aisle, just not anytime soon



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Kutcher and Kunis hooking up?

Former That 70s Show co-stars Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are reportedly seeing each other — and trying to keep it quiet, according to X17 Online.

Earlier this week, the pair were spotted shopping for furniture before grabbing dinner at a sushi restaurant and then heading back to Kutcher's home.

"Ashton was touching Mila's hand and Mila was all

dressed up," a source says of the dinner. "She looked hot; this was definitely more than a dinner between friends — this was a full-on date."



Ashton Kutcher

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Jersey Shore star Vinny Guadagnino is out to prove there's more to him than just being a sly guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye.

In his new book, *Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool*, Guadagnino proves that he can not only pronounce such serious names as Deepak Chopra, Thich Nhat Hanh and Eckhart Tolle, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop psych for a younger generation.

"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the Jersey



Shore."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school, and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to start reading the self-help genre.

"I started to read these books and put together a program in my head for myself. That program is what I use a lot on four seasons of Jersey Shore, and it's gotten me through all of them."

Until last year, at least, when Guadagnino took a brief hiatus from Season 5.

"The last season got a little overbearing for me, because we had this stressful schedule where we had to come over and start a new season straight from Italy," he explains of his dramatic (yet brief) departure from the series.

"What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bullshitting. It's all real life.'"



Robert Downey Jr. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robert Downey Jr. thinks parenting is no big deal

Parenting is nothing new to Robert Downey Jr. — he already has an 18-year-old son from a previous marriage, Indio — but the Iron Man star admits he was filled with fear before the February 7 birth of his new son, Exton.

"There was all this trepidation, all this projection, all

the anticipation and goodwill and a good vibe about it," he tells Esquire.

"But what you're squeezing to the side — or what's in the glove box — is these thousands of forms of fear. And then he was born and they've all just kind of scattered now. It seems like he's always been here."

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Come for the Derby, but explore beyond the track

Louisville. While the city is best known for a horse race, there's also baseball bats and boxers to be had

Shadowbox with a silhouetted Muhammad Ali. Grab a bat and take a few swings in a batting cage at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Dig into a Hot Brown at the place where the savory sandwich was created.

Louisville is home to plenty of originals that liven up a visit to Kentucky's largest city, best

known for a two-minute sporting event.

It's the iconic horse track that overshadows everything in town on the first Saturday in May. That's when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs — where mint juleps flow, women sport flowery hats and sleek thoroughbreds race for immortality.

But visitors don't have to be horse racing buffs to enjoy the charms of this city along the Ohio River. The spring greenery is always dazzling in the Bluegrass state. While in Louisville, visitors can stroll along Waterfront Park — the city's 85-acre front yard. The expansive play-

ground near downtown offers panoramic views of downtown and the Ohio River.

"This time of year, Louisvilians get so happy," said local restaurateur Lynn Winter. "It's like everyone comes out."

Not far from the park, several museums are clustered within four blocks in the city's downtown, which features an array of restaurants and shops. Among the most popular destinations are the Muhammad Ali Center and the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.

The Ali Center showcases the boxing career of the former world heavyweight champion known as "the Louisville Lip,"

and highlights his social activism and humanitarian causes out of the ring.

Ali, who turned 70 in January, grew up in the West End neighbourhood of Louisville.

A short walk away, visitors can see workers crafting bats used by big leaguers. The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a treasure trove of memorabilia that features bats used by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams and other Hall of Famers. Visitors can pick a bat, wood or aluminum, and take a crack in the batting cages.

At the Brown Hotel, one of the city's landmark places to stay, visitors can dig into a Hot

If you go...

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Brown. A local favourite, it's an open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich covered with Mornay sauce (a creamy cheese sauce).

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LIFE

Travel in brief

African Queen sails again

The African Queen, the iconic original vessel from the classic film of the same name, is plying nearshore waters and canals in the Florida Keys again. Keys sailing charter operators Lance and Suzanne Holmquist inked an agreement with the 100-year-old boat's owner and invested some \$70,000 to restore the boat that carried Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn to movie history. The boat was originally brought to Key Largo in 1983 and restored then, but has languished as an out-of-the-water display for the past 11 years. Stephen Bogart, son of the film star, was present during a re-launch event Thursday for the vessel, registered as a national historic site. Next week, the Holmquists are to begin daily cruises for Keys visitors from the Holiday Inn Key Largo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gentrification. Long Island City in Queens is a hub for culture, arts and bustling young families

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Before the LIRR connected to Penn Station, Long Island City (LIC) was the end of the line. Commuters awaiting ferries to Manhattan met at Tony Miller's Hotel on Borden Avenue (now the fabulously kitschy Waterfront Crabhouse).

Teddy Roosevelt drank there, as did architect Stanford White and actress Lillian Russell.

By 1910, with expanded LIRR service and the opening of the Queensboro Bridge, LIC fell into decline. Ferries stopped running and prohibition turned Miller's Hotel into a phonograph factory. LIC remained

a quiet, industrial neighbourhood until the late '70s, when artists flocked to the area lofts.

In the '90s, new waterfront high-rises attracted young professionals and their families.

Today, LIC has reclaimed its status as a hub of vibrant people, culture and art.

10:30 a.m.: Eat

You can't find a bad brunch on Vernon Boulevard, with El Ay Si, Cranky's, Dorian Cafe, and Tournesol. We like four-month-old Alobar (alobarnyc.com) for its superb bloody mary and its duck confit Sloppy Joe with smoked ricotta.

Noon: See

After brunch, head to Gantry Plaza State Park, a 10-acre waterfront walk with spectacular views of Manhattan. In addition to contemporary art Mecca MoMA PS1, LIC is home to three sculpture parks: The Noguchi Museum, Sculpture Center and the Socrates Sculpture Park. Across the street from PS1 is 5Pointz

Aerosol Art Center, a five-story warehouse covered in legal graffiti.

Visit between May 12 and 20 for the LIC Arts Open (licartsopen.org), when hundreds of artists open their studios to the public.

3 p.m.: Drink

LIC has the kind of relaxed neighbourhood bars that will make you think seriously about moving, or at least staying for another beer.

In fair weather, grab an outdoor seat at Dominie's Hoek (dominieshoek.com) or LIC Bar (licbar.com). Sweet Leaf (sweetleaflic.com) has a good selection of coffee and tea, which you can enjoy while playing DJ in their record room. Sage General Store (sagegeneralstore.com) has great baked goods; try the bacon brownie.

4 p.m.: Laugh

Wind down with open-mic stand-up at The Creek and Cave (creeklic.com), one of the area's two comedy clubs. Free shows start at 4 p.m. on both Saturdays and Sundays.



Long Island City has reclaimed its old status as a vibrant hub for arts and culture. ISTOCK





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Give new life to old favourites by discovering their fruitier side

California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos with Peach Slaw



This recipe serves eight people. NEWS CANADA

Add a new twist to a family favourite with the addition of canned California cling peaches.

These delicious California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos

are topped with Peach Slaw. Adding peaches boost your daily fruit servings, creating a healthier meal.

1. In a bowl, whisk together

er mayonnaise, yogurt, lime juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Drain peaches well and chop. Place in a large bowl; add slaw, coriander and half the mayonnaise

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light mayo
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) peach halves, in light syrup
- 2 cups (500 mL) packaged coleslaw or broccoli slaw mix

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 4 skinless boneless chicken cutlets, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 mL) TexMex seasoning
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 8 large taco shells or small flour tortillas
- Hot sauce (optional)

mixture. Stir to combine.

2. Sprinkle the chicken with TexMex seasoning. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook chicken, stirring for about 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Warm shells. Add chicken and drizzle with some of the remaining mayo mixture and hot sauce (if using). Top with slaw.

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Drink of the Week

Basil Mango Lime Smoothie with Chai

1. In bowl, combine chia seeds, water and lime juice. Leave 1 hour to let seeds plump and become gelatinous. In blender, combine chia seeds (with liquid), honey, lime zest, basil, mango and yogurt. Blend.

- 1 tbsp chia seeds
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp honey
- Finely chopped zest of 1/2 lemon
- 4 fresh basil leaves
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If you're not sure where to start or how to build a blog, portfolio or online resume, check out one of these free services and get cracking:

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The highs and lows of the job hunt in the age of the internet

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In the not-so-distant past, searching for a job was very grounded in the physical world: going to specific organizations, bringing in printed-off resumés and begging human resources for applications that could easily be recycled as soon as they had been filled out.

Now things have shifted to the web, that elusive, beckoning system of interconnectedness and global reach.

Here are some benefits and drawbacks of hunting electronically for a tangible target.

Establishing the hunting grounds

Jobs can now be found globally or locally, which means that the job opportunities available to you are only limited to how far you're willing to relocate.

Looking up a Japanese CEO who has the same obsession as you on Google is a lot easier than flying to Japan for a costly meet-and-greet only to catas-



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trophically find out that he or she meant to write something totally different in their tweet. But now, there are also thousands of other equally multilingual, PhD-having job candidates sending in resumés, meaning you must be at the top of your game – or have something that others don't.

Hunting equipment

The downside to the online job search is that your resumé is expected to be a work of graphic artistry.

If you, like many of us, are thinking about enslaving a graphic designer for your own marketing needs, LinkedIn and other portfolio websites give you a nice (and legal!) way out. Another bonus: if you're actually a graphic artist, your entire portfolio can be seen at the click of a button!

Personal scent

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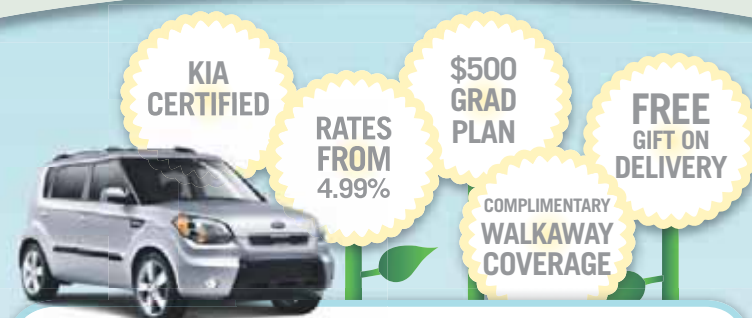
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Semifinals

Mooseheads to host Oceanic starting Friday

The Halifax Mooseheads will have home-ice advantage when they open the QMJHL semifinals against the Rimouski Oceanic, starting Friday and Saturday at the Metro Centre.

The Mooseheads, who didn't have home-ice advantage in the quarter-finals against the Quebec Remparts, benefited from a pair of upsets on Tuesday night.

The seventh-seeded Oceanic knocked off the third-seeded Blainville-Boisbriand Armada 5-4 in Game 7 on Tuesday night, while the eighth-seeded Chicoutimi Saguenéens topped the second-seeded Shawinigan Cataractes 3-2 in the other Game 7.

The Saguenéens will face the first-place Saint John Sea Dogs in the other semifinal.

"It's an odd way, the second round, you don't have home ice, third round you do, but that shows how tight the league was," said Mooseheads captain Cameron Critchlow. "It just goes to show you ... A lot of great teams (in this league)."

The Oceanic went 40-26-2 this season, finishing three points behind the sixth-place Mooseheads in the overall standings. The Mooseheads had a 2-0-1 edge in the season series.

"They're a good team, a lot of good players," Critchlow said. "Their top players have really stepped up of late, their Europeans are really skilled. We played them tough this year, we have to do the same thing we've been doing all year ... Keep working and stick with it no matter what happens. It's going to be a good series."

It was just the third time in QMJHL history three series in the quarter-finals required seven games to complete, and it hadn't happened in 22 years (1981 and 1990).

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Jonathan Drouin, left, is congratulated by Quebec Remparts goalie Louis Domingue after he scored the winning goal Tuesday in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Jonathan Drouin, left, skates away from the net, followed by teammate Cameron Critchlow after scoring the winning goal and beating the Quebec Remparts in overtime Tuesday in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moose complete historic comeback

QMJHL quarter-finals.

Captain Cameron Critchlow pots four goals, Jonathan Drouin scores OT winner



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Just call them Cameron Critchlow and the comeback kids.

With a heroic four-goal performance from their 20-year-old captain lifting them from their darkest moments on Tuesday night, the young Halifax Mooseheads came back from multiple deficits to defeat the Quebec Remparts, 5-4, in overtime in Game 7 of the QMJHL quarter-final in Quebec City.

Rookie Jonathan Drouin netted the winner at 14:58 of overtime as the Mooseheads completed a comeback from a 3-0 series deficit and entered the history books as just the fourth team in the league's 43-year

history to pull off the amazing feat.

"You hear about (3-0 series comebacks) and you think, yeah, in a perfect world, that's pretty great, but you think, that's never going to happen to me," Critchlow said after emerging from an wild post-game celebration in the Mooseheads' dressing room.

"Then you get a special group like this, and then it happens, and you're like, 'Holy cow, I guess it's possible.'"

Critchlow, who the Mooseheads acquired from the Victoriaville Tigres for a fifth-round pick last summer, almost single-handedly made sure it was possible.

After three tough losses, the Remparts had their swagger back in front of a pumped-up crowd of 11,093 at Pepsi Colisée. They scored first for the first time all series and jumped out to 2-0 and 3-1 leads in the second period while playing physical, energetic hockey.

But Critchlow scored a second-period hat trick, including two goals in the final four minutes, to tie it

3-3 going into the third. And after Adam Erne put the Remparts up 4-3 at 6:19 of the final frame, Critchlow netted the equalizer with 7:35 remaining.

"It's my first Game 7 in five years (in the QMJHL), so I guess I've been saving up," Critchlow said. "Obviously, it's pretty special. It was a big game, I'm proud of these guys. We came in here and got the job done."

Despite tremendous pressure by the Remparts through almost 15 minutes of overtime, Drouin scored the winner when a puck bounced to him in front off a play started by Nathan MacKinnon, and he made no mistake burying his eighth of the playoffs behind Louis Domingue.

"I got it on my tape and I knew I had that one," said Drouin, who received a post-game shaving-cream pie in the face from Critchlow, Konrad Abeltshauser and Travis Randell outside Halifax's dressing room.

The Mooseheads mobbed each other in the corner after Drouin's winner as the crowd looked on in stunned

Record broken

- The Mooseheads and Remparts set a QMJHL attendance record for one playoff series, drawing 75,013 spectators for seven games.
- That surpasses the previous mark of 67,656, set between the Remparts and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in 2009.
- The only other successful comebacks from 3-0 series deficits occurred in 2001 (Cape Breton), 1987 (Longueuil) and Drummondville (1985).

silence, littering the ice with noisemakers.

A comeback capped with a comeback — a fitting end to the series.

"Down 3-0 (in the series), down 3-1 in the game ... We just kept working, stuck with it, just like we have all season, all series," Critchlow said. "Perseverance. It makes the win that much sweeter."

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SPORTS

CIS basketball

X-women name interim head coach

Halifax's Augy Jones has been named interim head coach of the St. Francis Xavier X-Women basketball team. Jones is a former all-star player at St. F.X. and assistant coach with the X-Men. He most recently served as an assistant to Ross Quackenbush with the Saint Mary's Huskies men's team. Jones replaces Matt Skinn, who left the program earlier this year to take over the head-coaching job with the Cape Breton Capers men's team.

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On the web

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Angry Sid not bothering Flyers

NHL. Penguins star lost his cool in Game 3; Face elimination tonight

Sidney Crosby got too caught up in his hatred for the Philadelphia Flyers to recall that one of his best friends wears the orange and black.

No worries, though. Max Talbot isn't going to delete Crosby's number from his cellphone.

"He's definitely a great friend," Talbot said Tuesday. "He was heated up in the moment and that's OK. It's not like I'm not going to talk to him after the series."

Crosby and the rest of the Pittsburgh Penguins lost their cool in a fight-filled 8-4 loss to the Flyers that put them on the brink of getting swept out of their first-round playoff series.

The Flyers can eliminate the heavily favoured

Penguins and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a win in Game 4 Wednesday night at the Wells Fargo Center. Whatever happens, it'll be hard to live up to Game 3.

People are still talking about one of the most thrilling NHL games in recent memory. Fists flew faster than pucks, and goals were scored at a ridiculous pace. Crosby, the often-concussed former MVP, was at the centre of it all.

He instigated several scrums, and even dropped the gloves in a rare superstar versus superstar fight against Claude Giroux.

Afterward, Crosby said: "I don't like any guy on their team."

That's news to Talbot, who was Crosby's teammate for six seasons in Pittsburgh before signing a free-agent deal with the Flyers last summer. Talbot scored both of the Penguins' goals in a Stanley Cup clinching victory over Detroit in Game 7

in 2009. The two players are close friends, and they even appeared together in a Reebok commercial at Crosby's parents' house in Nova Scotia.

Asked if he was surprised by Crosby's antics in Game 3, Talbot replied: "Yes and no."

Crosby twice jabbed goalie Ilya Bryzgalov's glove against the ice after the whistle, and then poked aside Jakub Voracek's glove when he bent down to pick it up. Crosby then went after mild-mannered Kimmo Timonen, setting off his "wrestling match" with Giroux.

"I see Sid as such a great competitor," Talbot said. "When things don't go his way, he tries to do other things."

The Flyers are fine with whatever Crosby tries.

"He's one of the best players in the league. It's good that he's frustrated. He doesn't focus as much on his game," Voracek said.

Crosby will certainly get more than an earful from the boisterous Flyers fans. Many are calling him a "cry baby" and some plan to bring diapers to the rink, if they're allowed to sneak those past security.

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Max Talbot, left, checks Sidney Crosby in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Sunday in Philadelphia. Talbot says he and Crosby are "great friends." BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

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"I think we're trying to do whatever we can to win hockey games. We've just got to win one game. That's really what it comes down to."

Penguins forward Sidney Crosby



Bayern holds serve vs. Real Madrid in Munich

Franck Ribery celebrates his goal to open the scoring in the 17th minute for Bayern Munich during a Champions League semifinal match against Real Madrid on Tuesday. Mario Gomez also scored in the 90th minute to hand Real Madrid its first loss in the Champions League this season by a score of 2-1. The second leg is next week in Madrid. LARS BARON/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Damon lands gig in Cleveland

Johnny Damon has left the on-deck circle. He's officially with the Cleveland Indians.

Next stop: The starting lineup — and maybe the 3,000-hit club.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a major-league con-

tract Tuesday, the next step before he joins the club. The sides agreed on a \$1.25 million deal last week, when the Indians were off to a sluggish start with a team batting average below .200.

General manager Chris Antonetti said he had been in talks with Damon and his agent Scott Boras long before the Indians opened 1-4.

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MLB



"My business is to talk about baseball ... I learned a very tough lesson."

Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen on Tuesday after completing a five-game suspension for praising Fidel Castro.

NFL

Seahawks to visit Bills in Ontario

The Buffalo Bills will host the Seattle Seahawks in the final game of their five-year series of annual home games in Toronto. The Bills and Seahawks meet Dec. 16 in Week 15 of the NFL season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA. Kentucky's starting 5 to test NBA draft waters

Kentucky's lineup of three freshmen and two sophomores did most everything together en route to the school's eighth national title. Now, they will go their separate ways in the NBA.

Freshmen Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague, and sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb declared for the draft in a nationally televised news conference Tuesday night.

"Let me just say that Anthony and Doron and Terrence have decided to put their names in the NBA draft, so they will do that," coach John Calipari said, pausing for a dramatic effect. "And Michael and Marquis Teague have also decided to put their names in the draft."

"I was trying to scare some coaches out there, that's all I was doing."

The group came into the season largely untested before ascending to No. 1, winning the Southeastern Conference and capping an NCAA tournament title with a 67-59 victory over Kansas in the title game.

The five join seniors Darius Miller and Eloy Vargas leaving the program.

"This is a players' first program. I said it three years ago. During the season, it's about our team. You saw it in this year's team, they were about each other," Calipari said. "When the season is over, it's about moments like this."

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Projected NBA Lottery pick Anthony Davis talks with members of the media on Tuesday in Lexington, Ky. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

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Engine

The Skyactiv powerplant is a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine that features direct fuel injection. It runs on regular gas and is 10 per cent lighter than Mazda's non-Skyactiv 2.0. Output is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque, down from the Tribute's 171/171 levels.



No more smiley face grille.

Skyactiv

Most of the CX-5's mechanical bits are promoted under Mazda's "Skyactiv" theme that made its initial appearance in conjunction with the 2012 Mazda3. From a chassis and suspension perspective, the automaker says it has attempted to infuse the vehicle with as much MX-5-Miata-type sporty behaviour as possible.

Less cargo space

The CX features a curvy accent crease along the lower door edges. In back, the slant of the liftgate glass suggests a bit of hatchback has crept into the design, which could explain why there's slightly less cargo space than the Tribute had, even though the CX has a bit more stretch-out room for passengers.

2013 Mazda CX-5

- **Type:** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.8/5.7 (MT, FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$24,800.

Review. It's a game-changer for Mazda, and with a low base price and low fuel consumption, it might be a game-changer for you, too

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

If you're looking to cheap out on fuel bills while still maintaining your quality of life, then the new Mazda CX-5 could be driving right up your alley.

These days, nearly every car shopper places good —no, better make that excellent — fuel

economy atop their must-have lists, without sacrificing roominess and comfort in the process.

Well, for the 2013 model year, which begins right about now for Mazda, the CX-5 could do the trick.

Replacing the long-standing Ford Escape-based Mazda Tribute wagon, this brand new five-seater becomes the smallest of Mazda's tall-wagon

models, a group that includes the CX-7 (also a five-seater) and seven-passenger CX-9. But the CX-5 might just be the best looking of the bunch and has Mazda's evolving look, that will eventually spread to the entire lineup.

The CX-5's curvaceous shape is best viewed from the front, where you'll notice a neatly-shaped sloping hood and expressive (as opposed to the

more controversial smiley-face) grille.

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Driving a self-driving car is a conundrum wrapped in an enigma

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Whenever I ride shotgun I tend toward second-guessing the driver and twitching in my seat.

So imagine me sitting behind the steering wheel of a "self-driving" car while it is being driven by a computer. And a computer I've never even met!

But, not surprisingly, the Cadillac SRX stays on its course around the big oval at GM's Milford Proving Grounds with expert facility. And well it should, equipped as it is, with enough computer hardware and software to run a small space program.

The SRX is GM's latest in a long series of "self-driving" vehicle prototypes. Its first one was built way back in the late 1950s, and was also a Cadillac (the 1959 Cadillac Cyclone concept). The SRX version is a lot closer to being a production reality.

Before we were chauffeured in the SRX by software and sensors, Dr. Alan Taub, GM's vice-president of Global Research & Develop-

ment, confirmed that some form of autonomous driving will be available by the end of this decade.

He noted that the minute we started trying to prevent crashes, through such systems as ABS and stability control, we started on the path toward a self-driving car.

Today, many cars can not only alert and assist the driver to avoid a crash, they can also intervene on our behalf to avoid a crash. The technology that enables "not crashing" is the same for self-driving vehicles. They include sensors, braking and steering wheel actuators, software, cameras, radar and satellite navigation.

The concept of a future without a human behind the wheel is sure to raise the ire of driving enthusiasts and control freaks the world over. But before you start assembling with the intent of storming the GM proving grounds with pitchforks, take heed that Dr. Taub has also gone on record saying that everyone should experience the joy of driving, so if there is autonomous driving in GM's future, it will be equipped with an "on and off" switch.

GM says a better way of picturing this "on and off" switch is to think of it as a "super cruise control" but-

ton. Like regular cruise, it would only be engaged in certain situations, like extended stretches on appropriate and/or designated highways, and would not replace the human driver for the vast majority of driving situations.

For one thing, the SRX prototype's current technology needs to pick up the lane marking on the roadway, with its suite of on-board cameras. So a dirt road, a snow-covered road, or a rainy day will immediately put the kibosh on autonomous driving.

But the experimental SRX "self" brakes, accelerate and steer fairly smoothly, a lot more smoothly, in fact, than my Uncle Joe ever drove. And other than the big stack of computers in the cargo area — and the extra exposed wiring — it looks pretty much like a regular Cadillac SRX.

A production self-driving SRX, however, will require another advance in sensor technology.

"You couldn't do it with today's sensors, it's going to be tomorrow's," said GM engineer Eric Raphael, who has the big job of researching how to "productionize" a future self-driving Cadillac.

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Drivers 'see the light' with HID bulbs

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If the road has seemed a little brighter these days, it's not your eyes playing tricks on you. Many automakers, especially the premium brands, use high-intensity discharge headlights, or HID, which produce a bright white light.

"The light intensity is closer to a natural light," says Hayato Mori, manager of product planning at Honda Canada. "HIDs put out light that is much more intense than a halogen headlight. They also use less electricity."

A conventional halogen headlight is an incandescent bulb. It uses a filament

that heats up to create light, while the halogen gas inside the bulb increases the light's intensity and helps to lengthen the filament's lifespan.

HID headlights don't use filaments. Instead, they contain a gas, most commonly xenon, which lights up when electricity flows into a diode in the headlight. This is similar to the way a fluorescent light works, but the xenon gas lights up much faster. Even so, HID headlights still need to warm up, and if your car has them, you'll notice that it takes a few seconds before they reach their full brightness.

On many cars with HID headlights, only the low-beam lights use the xenon bulbs; the high-beam lights are halogen bulbs. Some use "bi-xenon," meaning that both the low and high beams are HID, but there aren't two bulbs. Instead, there's a single HID bulb with a shutter in front of it. When the driver has the low-beam headlights on, the shutter flips down, reducing

the amount of light shining out.

"When you want high-beam, the shutter flips up," Mori says. "It's a more expensive setup, because it requires switches to flip the shutter up and down, but you achieve low and high beams with one bulb."

A third headlight type, light-emitting diode or LED, is available on a few premium models and will be coming to Acura and possibly Honda, Mori says. Many cars already use them as taillights.

"Instead of a gas, the diodes react to electricity. They don't consume as much electricity. The lamps don't get hot, but the device that powers them does, and the difficulty is in keeping that cool. It requires fans and cooling mechanisms, and it's difficult to make, so that's why you don't see a lot of these right now. As more manufacturers use it and the technology gets better, it will bring the cost down, and you'll see it on more conventional cars in the future."



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Going from joke to sales juggernaut

Interview. Hyundai's U.S. CEO focused on quality in order to transform carmaker

North Americans were laughing at Hyundai's cars when John Krafcik joined the company eight years ago.

The cars were ugly and often broke down. The only reason to buy one was because it was cheap. Jay Leno once joked that you could double a Hyundai's value by filling it up with gas.

No one's laughing now. The Korean automaker's

quality has improved, and it's among the leaders in fuel efficiency and styling. Sales are up more than 60 per cent since 2008, the year Krafcik (pronounced KRAF-chick) became CEO of American operations. Hyundai's Elantra compacts and Sonata mid-size sedans are in such demand that few discounts are offered. And although the company's U.S. sales are just a fraction of General Motors' or Ford's, they're growing so quickly that Hyundai is feared by every other carmaker.

Hyundai had already started to change before Krafcik arrived, offering a 10-year, 100,000 mile warranty with



John Krafcik, president and CEO of Hyundai Motor America. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

its cars. But the transformation from joke to juggernaut

accelerated under his watch. Krafcik, 50, is a Stanford-

trained engineer and manufacturing expert. He began

his career as a manufacturing engineer at a General Motors-Toyota joint venture factory set up so GM could learn how Toyota made cars. While working for the venture in the early 1980s, he saw the gap in standards between Japanese and American plants. He has focused on quality ever since.

Despite Hyundai's turnaround, Krafcik still worries about quality.

"It only takes one small mistake with a critical part in a safety-related system to derail all of the good work that we've done," he says.

Krafcik recently spoke with The Associated Press in New York.

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Your company has made a remarkable turnaround since the early 1990s when it sold inexpensive cars that fell apart. How did you make the transformation?

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That was a bet-the-company move?

It was an absolute bet-the-company move. If we had gotten that one wrong, then the company would have failed. And rather quickly, too, as the warranty expense and exposure are significant when you're taking a bath that big.

Hyundai has pushed the envelope in its car designs, and other companies are just now catching up with the Elantra and Sonata. How did you pull that off?

It just takes courage and a willingness to take risks. So with Sonata, the conventional orthodoxy in the industry was mid-size cars should be styled conservatively. This is typical market research talking. We know this because we talk to our mid-size car buyers all the time. Here's what they say: 'Safety. Quality. I want a good

value and a fair price.' And about number seven or eight on the pecking order is design. From that mentality has come the point of view that mid-size cars should look like (Toyota) Camrys and (Honda) Accords and (Chevrolet) Malibus.

Why would you take a risk on design when it was conventional wisdom not to?

Products starting with the '05 Tucson and the '06 Sonata were designed in a safe and conservative manner. It didn't move the needle in terms of sales. You go through that and you finally see the pattern. You can't just accept safe. So now when we do our research, we categorize people before they come (in) as either conservative or progressive in their design thought. And we

can then weigh the results. It gives more weight to what we call design progressives.

What else happens in your market research?

We'll send a couple of product planners and market researchers out with consumers and just literally spend a day or two with them, looking at their cars. Seeing how they live their lives around their cars. When they go to Costco, where do they put those big, huge things of toilet paper? It gives us insights. We're trying to find what we call unmet needs.

What are Americans looking for in cars now?

Fuel economy is definitely on their mind. It's huge. As fuel prices go up, interest in the compact car segment goes

up. So compact cars now are selling very, very well. Fuel-efficient cars are selling very, very well. We're seeing more discretionary car purchases now. More car purchases that aren't driven specifically because my car is old or my car is fuel inefficient.

What's something that has surprised you about how people use their cars?

The car as personal living space. It's amazing how much stuff people carry around. Finding room for people's stuff is one of our priority focal points. Let me give you a great example. Cup holders and bottle holders.

This is a great success for Hyundai, and it took some time to convince the engineers that this is what we needed to do (because) cup

holders cost money. If you're going to do them right, they have little gripper fingers and you have to make more expensive moulds and stuff. Engineers never understand why a driver would need two cup holders and the front seat passenger would also need two cup holders.

What could derail your sales growth?

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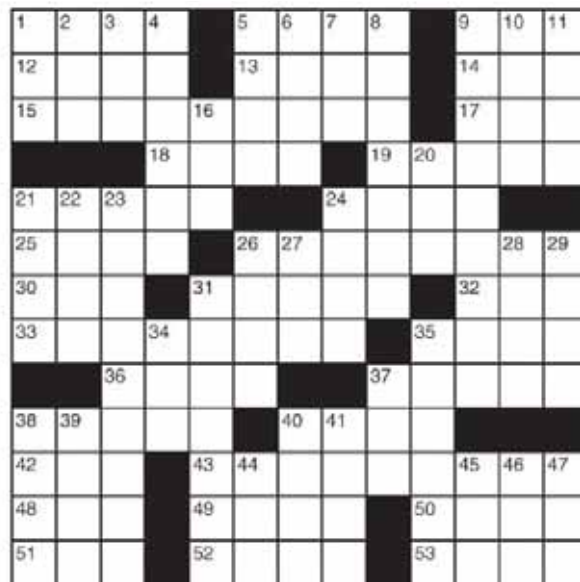
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Across

- 1 Plate
- 5 BLT topper
- 9 Spot on a domino
- 12 Vicinity
- 13 The yoke's on them
- 14 Equal (Prefix)
- 15 Theater balcony
- 17 Buddhist sect
- 18 Performances
- 19 Demolished
- 21 Chaplain
- 24 Rice-A- —
- 25 Saharan
- 26 Trimmed with wide ruffles
- 30 Emerald City VIP
- 31 Disgusting
- 32 Lawyers' org.
- 33 City of Galilee
- 35 Teensy bit
- 36 "Dies —"
- 37 Sustained hum
- 38 Star of Cygnus
- 40 Prompted
- 42 Have bills
- 43 Techno-jargon
- 48 More (Sp.)
- 49 Actor Morales
- 50 Littlest of the litter
- 51 Em halves
- 52 Actress Diana
- 53 Remain

Down

- 1 Block the flow
- 2 Rage
- 3 "— who?"
- 4 Sand trap, e.g.
- 5 Billings' st.
- 6 Line of symmetry
- 7 Longing
- 8 Burdensome
- 9 Played without a bow
- 10 "Gotcha"
- 11 Walden, for one
- 16 Expert
- 20 Massachusetts cape
- 21 Chess soldier
- 22 La Scala showstopper
- 23 Vertigo
- 24 — Hashanah
- 26 Gratis
- 27 Parcel of land
- 28 Black, in verse
- 29 Knighted woman
- 31 Snatched
- 34 Exist
- 35 Intense feelings
- 37 Morning moisture
- 38 Capitol cap
- 39 Actor McGregor
- 40 Despot
- 41 Submachine guns
- 44 GI entertainment org.



- 45 Trench
- 46 "CSI" evidence
- 47 Pigs' home

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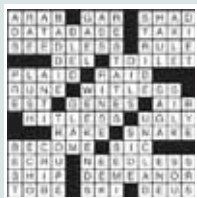
How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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8	1	8	2	7	3	6	5	4
3	6	4	9	1	5	7	8	2
4	3	1	6	8	9	2	7	5
8	5	6	4	2	7	1	9	3
2	9	7	5	3	1	4	6	8
5	7	8	3	6	2	6	4	1
6	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	7
1	8	2	7	9	4	5	3	6

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

DN KLR ZDJC UN LWBSFTMZA
LTX T BTQR UNNASYDIC
HUWQX LR FR MTQQRX
KLR SYDIMR UN HLTQRA?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE
ANSWERS "NO" TO "WILL YOU MARRY ME", I
SUPPOSE THAT'S PROPOSITION OPPOSITION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F



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- ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**
Some will criticize you no matter what do, so you might as well ignore them and just get on with it.
- ♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**
You take it personally when people change their minds and upset your plans, but don't be so sensitive.

- ♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** Today, if someone says something unjust, or even abusive, your best move is to laugh it off.
- ♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.** The reason you don't get along with a certain person is not because you are so different but because you are so very much the same.
- ♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.** You'll go over the top and say things you don't really mean, and you'll hate yourself for it when you calm down, but it's no big deal.
- ♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.** Don't promise that you'll do something today unless you are certain you are in a position to deliver.

- ♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** If you cut corners or take shortcuts in any way, shape or form today, you will pay the price a little bit further down the line.
- ♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.** You will try to bluff your way out of an embarrassing situation today, but you won't succeed.
- ♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.** If you are told something in confidence today don't rush out and tell everyone else. If it gets out, no one will confide in you again.
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